

**Portland Harbor Managers Meeting
December 20, 2006
DRAFT NOTES**

Attending: Jim Anderson, Jim McKenna, Rick Applegate, Erin Madden, Chip Humphrey, Eric Blischke, Karen Tarnow

The group discussed the recommendations from the Tech Team's 12/20 memo. Those recommendations are listed below, followed by the group's decision.

METHODOLOGY

Recommendation #1: Collect stormwater grab samples from 5 - 10 sites where it is most likely that organics would be detected in water samples and analyze the samples for total and dissolved organic constituents. The modelers will use this information to validate the partitioning algorithms used in the models.

Decision: Accept the recommendation.

Recommendation #2: Add dissolved metals to the analyte list for water samples to ensure we have the data necessary to evaluate risk, should that be necessary. This data is needed at each site because metals partitioning can be site specific and cannot be reliably predicted or modeled.

Decision: Accept the recommendation.

Recommendation #3: Do not analyze water samples for phthalates except at sites where data is available to indicate that the site could be a potentially significant source of phthalates. This will be determined through further consultation with the Risk Assessors.

Decision: Accept the recommendation but expand the list to include a subset of sites that are not expected to be significant phthalate sources. This is intended to address the concern that limiting the analysis to suspected sites would result in a biased data set.

Action: The Tech Team will develop the list of sites as part of the FSP development process.

LIST OF SAMPLING SITES

Recommendation #1: Move the sampling site in the M-1 basin from Freightliner to the "end" of the outfall.

Decision: Accept the recommendation.

Recommendation #2: Move the sampling site in the OF-17 basin from GE Decommissioning to the end of the outfall.

Decision: Accept the recommendation, with the acknowledgement that DEQ is currently in discussions with GE Decommissioning about initiating stormwater sampling this year and that sampling is likely to resemble the agreed upon methodology.

Recommendation #3: Remove BP Arco from the list.

Decision: Accept the recommendation, with the acknowledgement that EPA and DEQ are in discussions with BP ARCO about an upcoming Early Action and that the agreed upon sampling methodology will likely be undertaken by the RP as part of their recontamination analysis.

Recommendation #4: Add OF-19 to the list.

Decision: Accept the recommendation.

The group also discussed the City's concern that data from the newly proposed sampling sites (OF-17, OF-19, and M-1) will not correlate with the land use approach and more discussion is needed to verify that it will be technically valid to use data from two different approaches to estimate overall loading to the harbor.

Action: The Managers asked that the Tech Team discuss Dawn Sanders' 12/21 email that more fully describes this issue to ensure that they are still comfortable moving ahead with the proposed changes. In the meantime, it will be assumed that the decisions reflected in these notes will not change and that work can proceed as necessary to implement the plan.

In a 12/19 email, Keith Johnson proposed that Sulzer be added to the list of sample sites and Fred Devine be removed. DEQ felt that Sulzer was a higher priority in terms of data needs for the in-water RI. In addition, DEQ is working with Fred Devine to implement screening sampling this year and will follow up with loading sampling next year if screening indicates this is necessary.

Decision: Accept the proposal. Move Fred Devine to the DEQ JSCS section of the list and move Sulzer up to the High Priority site section.

The group discussed the possibility that site reconnaissance may determine that sampling is not possible at some of the sites on the list.

Decision: If this happens, the Tech Team will act quickly to attempt to identify a replacement site, subject to the approval of the PH Manager group.

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